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C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA 1846

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BU, TU

SUBJECT: BULGARIA'S RELATIONS WITH HER NEIGHBORS

1. DURING AUGUST 27 DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN MLADENOV, AMBASSADOR INQUIRED ABOUT LIKELY RESULTS OF FONMIN'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO ANKARA (SOFIA 1808), AND GOB REACTION TO CARAMANLIS PROPOSAL FOR MEETING OF BALKAN DEPUTY ECON MINISTERS. MLADENOV REPLIED THAT CARAMANLIS LETTER ARRIVED DURING VACATION PERIOD AND THEREFORE HIS MINISTRY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO FRAME RECOMMENDATION FOR REPLY. BULGARIA DESIRES EQUALLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THIS MAY SOMETIMES BE, AND ALSO HOPES THAT GREECE AND TURKEY WILL HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER. NO ONE SHOULD FORM THE IMPRESSION, HE SAID, THAT BULGARIA HOPES TO PLAY UPON GREEK-TURKISH DISSENSION: TENSION BETWEEN NEIGHBORS IS BOUND TO HAVE ILL CONSEQUENCES FOR ENTIRE BALKAN REGION. HE CLAIMED THAT ZHIVKOV HAD MADE THIS EVEN-HANDED ATTITUDE CLEAR TO CARAMANLIS IN SOFIA AND TO DEMIREL IN EDIRNE, AND AGAIN (TO ONE OR BOTH) IN HELSINKI.

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2. COMMENT: BULGARIA'S EVEN-HANDEDNESS IS STILL SOME-

WHAT LESS THAN COMPLETE AFTER THE PRONOUNCED TILT TOWARD  
GREECE FOLLOWING THE DEPOSITION OF THE COLONELS, BUT IT IS  
CLEAR THE GOB STILL THINKS THE BALANCE NEEDS FURTHER  
REDRESSING, EVEN AFTER ZHIVKOV'S MEETING WITH DEMIREL IN  
JULY.  
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